

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**HELENA URBAN DEER PLAN**

1. Please do not allow the hunting of urban deer in Helena. As a nurse, I am highly concerned about the discharge of weapons in a populated area.

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2. The deer are part of Montana, should i say they were here first. the problem is you are making this a eastern or a California state. yes I beleave this , 2 deer were hit on greem meadow dr. this week. the speed limit on this road is way to fast . the road deteration is bad. and the big trucks shake the house and go to fast. truck speed should be 45 on this road. The deer will always suffer and it is because some is making money getting rid of them, nothing more. And lately that is all the FWP is about, making money.

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3. ***Jack Jones <MTLandAccess@msn.com>***  
***Helena Urban deer plan***

.....I received a notice today from FWP for comments on the Helena Urban Deer Plan so I have a few. Yes I have been in Helena a few times and seen these mule deer in yards even close to the Capitol. I thought it was quite interesting. Yes we have a few in Butte America now to. I find it interesting because the mule deer in town reach a ripe old age of over 3 years called "mature". Why is that? Could it be because they are not shot on HD's out of town and some seek protection from mountain lions as well? As you know a lion will take 1-2 MD a week and actually have a preference for bucks as reported. Less than 25/ square mile the FWP objective seems a bit high we have something like less than 4/square mile on our hunting districts in SW Montana now..... damn few actually why is that? Are you planning to use 'archery' there to rid us of those urban deer you didn't say? May sound a little crazy but why not haul them to R3 hunting districts north of Dillon. At one time we had a relatively good md deer population there..... lucky to see 'one' now. Yes the "either sex" with extra B tags really knocked them down and more planned for the upcoming season "same as" season again! I know you all in the Wildlife Division are faced with the dilemma on what to do with these Urban deer. I am sure we can count on you to solve the dilemma but prefer you solve the R3 HD problem first and once again restore us to the sustainable mule deer population under hunting like we had some 18-20 years ago. The APR bison issue must also be on the 'table' there to, another dilemma. They are 'domestic hybrid bison not wild bison' as FWP director Williams reported today the only "wild bison" are the ones that leave and "free roam" until they encounter a fence and leave YNP because of impoverished range conditions existing for years. Those "domestic hybrid bison of APR" are licensed as "livestock" with 12 month destructive grazing existing now and allowed by BLM and DNRC lands cheap grazing for domestic bison on public land. Perhaps the time has come to overhaul FWP after the 2020 election and of course the Wildlife Division maybe ever call it Montana Fish & Game Department and put Parks in DNRC where they long belong. .... Yes I think so. See the Montana Standard today....."Outraged by FWP". ..... Have a good day as always! Jack Jones, 3014 Irene Street, Butte, MT. 59701      Comments submitted.